President.—Is it a supplementary question? This does not arise. I must disallow it.

The formation of an Executive Council.

442. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether there was any correspondence in the last four years for forming an Executive Council in the State, and if so, whether that correspondence will be placed on the table, and to state the reason for giving up that scheme, at least, temporarily?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There is no official correspondence on the subject.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—My question is whether any correspondence has taken place on this subject.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—We take the official correspondence and not every sort of correspondence.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Does that mean that no correspondence has taken place?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No official correspondence has taken place.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has any other correspondence taken place?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I cannot say.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether the matter was looked into when the question was received by the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Only official correspondence was looked into.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Any demi-official correspondence?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There was no occasion to look into the demi-official or confidential correspondence, as it is not the custom here to do so.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Was it so understood by my question—"any correspondence in the last four years"?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was fully understood.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Was not the meaning of my question clear to the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I said that it was fully understood.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In the answer official correspondence is referred to. I did not use the word "official." I used the word "any" in my question.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The meaning was understood, but only official correspondence was looked into.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government look into the other correspondence, and give me an answer by the end of this session?

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I request the President to rule whether this question does arise.

President.—The information asked for is on a particular matter. We referred to the official correspondence, and none is forthcoming from that. If information is required about demi-official correspondence, we may not look into it, and even if we look into it, we may not disclose the information obtained therefrom to the Council. Does that satisfy you?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Yes, Sir.

The Board of Examiners.

443. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the names of those who have been members of the Board of Examiners for the last five years and also the name of the Secretary;

(b) whether the Government nominate the members and the Secretary, and, if the answer is in the negative, by whom they are nominated or appointed;

(c) the period for which the members and the Secretary are appointed;

(d) the names and the particulars of the examinations conducted or supervised by them;

(e) whether any principle, rule, order or caste qualification has been observed in selecting Examiners, Assistant Examiners in various subjects; and the period for which they are generally selected and by whom they are selected;

(f) the number of caste Hindus, non-caste Hindus, Christians, Muhammadans and Jews annually selected for the last five years for setting papers and as Examiners and Assistant Examiners in the various subjects for the various examinations, their qualifications and the amount of remuneration drawn by each of these five groups of people for the period referred to;

(g) the names of Examiners and Assistant Examiners and of those who have set examination papers in the past five years and the amount of remuneration given to them individually in these years;

(h) the remuneration paid to the Secretary to the Board of Examiners as 1. Secretary, 2. Examiner or Assistant Examiner, and for setting papers annually for the last five years with the names of those who were Secretaries during the period, and, if they were Government officials, what work they were doing and the salary and allowances drawn by them per mensem;

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